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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

DNA ENCODING A HUMAN MELANIN CONCENTRATING HORMONE RECEPTOR (MCH1) AND USES THEREOF

the specification of which:
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— is attached hereto.

X was filed on December 20, 2001 as

Application Serial No. 10/029,314

and was amended December 20, 2001
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 (a)-(d) or Section 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or Section 365(a) of any PCT International Application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below. I have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International Application having a filing date before that of the earliest application from which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed	
Number	Country	Filing Date	Yes	No
PCT/US99/31169	PCT	December 30, 1999	X	

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Exhibit B

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

<u>Provisional Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Status</u>
<u>N/A</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
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<u>Application Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Status</u>
<u>09/899,732</u>	<u>July 5, 2001</u>	<u>pending</u>
<u>09/610,635</u>	<u>July 5, 2000</u>	<u>pending</u>
<u>PCT/US99/31169</u>	<u>December 30, 1999</u>	<u>pending</u>
<u>09/224,426</u>	<u>December 31, 1998</u>	<u>issued</u>
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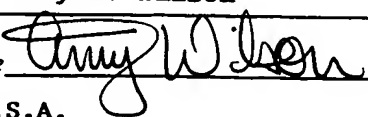
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